

Open Session Minutes of March 7, 2011

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING
Monday, March 7, 2011 @ 7 p.m.**

**H. BERNARD MONAHAN MEMORIAL ROOM
TOWN HALL, 242 UNION STREET
ROCKLAND, MASSACHUSETTS**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
MOS**

Chairman Chaffee read the following statement into the record:

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OPEN FORUM

- 1. Open Session Minutes of February 22, 2011
MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- 2. Hangover's Common Victualler's & Entertainment revocation hearing.**
- 3. R&R License- review continued**

Both items 2 & 3 were discussed at this time.

MOTION to open hearing by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

Town Counsel Clifford spoke to the BOS to explain the ownership confusion of ROLA, Inc. and who is the rightful representative. The owner of record for ROLA, Inc. was interviewed and stated he has not signed any documents for ROLA Inc. for three years. Town Counsel Clifford recommended the BOS hold a revocation hearing after a two week notice. The reason is because of possible forged signatures on liquor license documents.

Town Counsel also recommended the BOS return any pending license requests and checks regarding the property. Attorney Clifford stated no licenses of any kind should be issued until ambiguities are cleared up and the question of forgery on outstanding licenses are reviewed.

Attorney Clifford recommended no action on either of Hangover's licenses or R&R Tavern/ROLA licenses this evening and revocation hearing after a two week posting. Currently no one is authorized to operate with the current license so the Liberty Street facility should not be opened.

A representative of Hangover's said he was not open at this time because the License was denied at the ABCC for back due taxes from a period prior to him.

William Renny who claimed to have spent a lot of money and effort to purchase the business prior to the Hangover's purchase asked to speak. He said he walked away from the deal because of suspected inappropriate activities regarding the license.

MOTION to close the hearing by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

MOTION by Mr. Minahan 2nd by Ms. O'Brien to hold a revocation hearing after a two week notice for both the ROLA Inc. license and the Hangover Tavern licenses passed 5-0

Chairman Chaffee did point out that Mr. Ruffo who is listed as the manager on the R&R Tavern/ROLA alcohol license was present this evening in the audience.

4. Approval request of BANs for school construction project

Town Accountant Eric Hart spoke to the BOS regarding the temporary borrowing the Town is doing for the financing of the school construction project. A number of the documents must be accepted in open meeting and signed in the presence of the Town Clerk. Town Clerk Kaszanek and Treasurer Karen Sepeck were present for the signings.

MOTION to approve the documents as read by the Chairman, by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

Item # 10 taken out of order

10. Charles Kimball King Lion- Eye Mobile on Election Day

Charlie Kimball informed the public the Lion's Club will have the Eye mobile available on Election Day. Residents can have their vision and hearing tested in the Eye mobile. The Lion's Chuck Wagon will also be available for food and coffee during the day.

He also spoke of the ongoing project to collect eyeglasses and hearing aids to be re-distributed to needy areas throughout the world.

NEW BUSINESS

5. On Tray Inc.-dba, Truman's Catering Service Common Victualler Application

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

6. Introduction of Jim Quigley, District Representative for Congressman Bill Keating.

Mr. Quigley appeared before the BOS to inform them of his availability and interest in working with Rockland on projects of community concern.

7. Cadogan's Run- May14, 2011

Kaylee Silcox, appeared before the BOS to request permission to hold the Cadogan's Run Charitable event in Rockland again this year. Kaylee Silcox explained the route for the run/walk has changed because

of the school construction. Lt Nick Zeoli has helped re-route the event and it will begin and end at the Calvary Church Plaza on May 14, 2011 @ 10AM.

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

8. Rockland Center Revitalization Plan

Ms. O'Brien explained part of funds in the grant through the current CDBG award was to develop and complete a revitalization plan for Rockland Center. The scope of services for this project will include some citizens participation, an inventory and existing conditions analysis, context analysis needs assessment, strategic plan and the actual plan preparation. Wayne Darragh suggested the BOS establish a five member committee to assist the Office of Community development with this project. The suggested committee should include a member of the BOS, a representative of the Planning Board, a business owner from the Downtown area, a property owner from the downtown area and a citizen at large.

MOTION to establish the committee by Mr. Minahan, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

MOTION to appoint Selectwoman O'Brien as the BOS representative passed 4-0-1(O'Brien).

9. Request to use Rockland Seal from Abington

The Abington Selectmen will be at the BOS meeting of April 19th to discuss their 300th anniversary plans.

**10. Charles Kimball King Lion- Eye Mobile on Election Day
(This Item heard previously in the meeting)**

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

~Best Buddies request to ride on some Rockland roadways for the annual Best Buddies Ride to Hyannis.

MOTION to approve by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Minahan passed 5-0.

~Request for Town to participate in the feasibility study for the Green Repair Program of the MSBA. The program would be only for the Esten School at this time.

MOTION to approve participation by Mr. Johnson, 2nd by Ms. O'Brien passed 5-0.

SELECTMAN'S COMMENTS

Comments and opinions expressed by individual members do not necessarily reflect the views of all of the BOS and are the opinions and comments of only the individual member.

Mr. Kimball

- ~ Met with representatives of LNR in an exploratory meeting to discuss weather Rockland may be able to benefit by providing some of the water and sewer needs to the Southfield Development.**
- ~He has recently been placed on the School Building Committee as a non-voting associate member.**
- ~Announced he recently celebrated his 28th Wedding Anniversary.**

Mr. Minahan

- ~Nothing to comment on at the moment.**

Mr. Johnson

- ~Discussed the relocation of the Town Elections and Annual Town Meeting to the Gym at the Rogers Middle School.**
- ~ Congratulated the HS Hockey team for a successful season.**
- ~Discussed the establishment by Dave Taylor of a Lacrosse program.**
- ~Congratulations to Ed Kimball on his anniversary.**

Ms. O'Brien

- ~Discussed the new Lacrosse program.**
- ~Attended the Lions Meat raffle, she praised the many positive programs the Lions Club sponsors.**

- ~She is working with the Open Space Committee regarding the Rails to Trails project.
- ~ Congratulated Dawn Kimball on her 28th Wedding Anniversary.

Mr. Chaffee

- ~Congratulations to the HS Boys Hockey and Basketball Teams for successful seasons.
- ~Read a notice from Veterans Agent Anton Materna regarding recent solicitations on behalf of Veterans, they may be scams.
- ~Referred an upcoming meeting of Regional Transit Authorities.
- ~Announced a fund raiser for Legion Baseball.
- ~Mr. Chaffee discussed a recent Solar Energy program on the capped landfill in Canton. He feels and believes Rockland should appoint a committee in Rockland with various Boards participating.

Discussion took place regarding the prospects

MOTION to establish a Committee to review the options available to the Town of Rockland consisting of one member of each the BOS, Planning Board, ZBA, Conservation, Board of Health, Energy Committee and MAPC representative Robert Rice by Ms. O'Brien 2nd by Mr. Johnson passed 5-0.

MOTION to appoint Mr. Johnson as BOS member and Mr. Kimball as the alternate, by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd Mr. Kimball passed 5-0.

- ~ There will be a school Building committee meeting on Tuesday night.

30. EXECUTIVE SESSION for the purpose of discussion negotiations strategy with union and non-union personnel.

MOTION to go in to Executive Session by Ms. O'Brien, 2nd by Mr. Johnson, passed by Roll Call Vote 5-0.

Allan R. Chiocca
Town Administrator

Deborah A. O'Brien, Vice-Chairman
for the Rockland Board of Selectmen

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